

Teacher Vision Referral Checklist

(Circle all that apply and give to the school nurse)

APPEARANCE OF THE EYES

- ✓ Eyes crossed, turning in or out, or moving independently of each other.
- ✓ Reddened, watering eyes, encrusted eyelids or frequent styes.

BEHAVIORAL INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE VISION DIFFICULTY

- ✓ Dislike or avoidance of close work.
- ✓ Short attention span for the child's age or frequent daydreaming.
- ✓ Turning or tilting head to use one eye only or closing or covering one eye.
- ✓ Placing head close to book or desk when reading or writing.
- ✓ Excessive blinking or rubbing of eyes.
- ✓ Losing place while reading or using finger or marker to guide eyes.
- ✓ Trouble finishing written timed assignments.
- ✓ Difficulty remembering what is read.
- ✓ Omitting, repeating and miscalling words or confusing similar words.
- ✓ Persistent reversals after second grade.
- ✓ Difficulty remembering, identifying and reproducing basic geometric forms.
- ✓ Difficulty with sequential concepts.
- ✓ Poor eye-hand coordination when copying from chalkboard, throwing or catching a ball, buttoning or unbuttoning clothing or tying shoes.
- ✓ Displaying evidence of developmental immaturity.

COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH USING THE EYES

- ✓ Headaches, nausea and dizziness
- ✓ Burning or itching eyes
- ✓ Blurring of vision at any time
- ✓ Double vision

Students frequently having one or more of the checklist symptoms should be referred for a comprehensive optometric examination and vision analysis.